

08-422 Office of State Fire Marshal

Agency Description

The Office of State Fire Marshal is a statutory office established in 1904 with the State Fire Marshal being appointed by the governor. The office is charged with the responsibility of protecting the life and property of the citizens of this state from fire explosion and related hazards through the enforcement of legislative mandates and administrative rules or directives by:

1. Reviewing construction plans to ensure compliance with the state's adopted fire safety, life safety, handicapped accessibility requirements and the state's energy code.
2. Inspecting new and existing structures to ensure compliance with the state's adopted fire safety, life safety, handicapped accessibility requirements and the state's energy code.
3. Investigating suspicious fires in order to suppress arson.
4. Analyzing fire reports and statistics to determine the extent of the state's fire problems and educating the public about the need to be fire safe.

The mission of the Office of the State Fire Marshal is to protect life and property from the hazards of fire or explosion; ensure the safety of the citizens of Louisiana within to constructed environment; provide equal access to disabled individuals; and promote the efficient use of energy in commercial buildings.

The goals of the State Fire Marshal are:

1. Reduce property losses and loss of life due to fire.
2. Encourage economic development by equally and fairly enforcing the state's fire, life safety, handicapped accessibility and energy laws, codes, rules and regulations in a timely manner.
3. Increase efficiency and effectiveness through automation.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has one program: Fire Prevention.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

| | ACTUAL 2000-2001 | ACT 12 2001-2002 | EXISTING 2001-2002 | CONTINUATION 2002-2003 | RECOMMENDED 2002-2003 | RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING: | | | | | | |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY: | | | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | 203,580 | 215,000 | 215,000 | 215,000 | 230,000 | 15,000 |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues | 2,956,827 | 2,687,777 | 2,490,902 | 2,490,902 | 2,490,902 | 0 |
| Statutory Dedications | 5,738,385 | 7,241,489 | 7,241,489 | 7,023,148 | 6,890,087 | (351,402) |
| Interim Emergency Board | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 10,015 | 10,015 | 10,015 | 10,015 | 0 | (10,015) |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$8,908,807 | \$10,154,281 | \$9,957,406 | \$9,739,065 | \$9,610,989 | (346,417) |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST: | | | | | | |
| Fire Prevention Program | \$8,908,807 | \$10,154,281 | \$9,957,406 | \$9,739,065 | \$9,610,989 | (346,417) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST | \$8,908,807 | \$10,154,281 | \$9,957,406 | \$9,739,065 | \$9,610,989 | (346,417) |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 181 | 181 | 176 | 176 | 175 | (1) |
| Unclassified | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 182 | 182 | 177 | 177 | 176 | (1) |